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SUBJECT Reconstruction of Ship Hansa

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1. The former steamship Hansa is lying now at the Warnow shipyard in Warnemünde. She has been renamed the Sovietski Soyuz. Her construction has been altered in rebuilding so that she now has only one smokestack, and room has been made for open guns, without gunhouses. Three turning rings have been installed which can also serve as turntables for cranes.
2. The ship is equipped with seven generators of 2.5 megawatt capacity, including a reserve unit. She is currently being provided with an automatic blackout installation. The antennae for the radio DF unit are also being installed now.
3. The installation of an 800 watt long wave sender is planned. Where this will be delivered from is not yet known.
4. The hull construction has been considerably strengthened. It is said that the ship can now be used in frozen waters.
5. Besides the Hansa, the former ships Der Deutsche and Berlin are lying at the Warnow yard. Reconstruction of these ships will take until September 1954. They will also be turned over to the Soviet Union when they are ready.

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